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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/707,590  
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Art Unit : 3617  
Examiner : Andrew D. Wright

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Docket No. : 1027.02  
Customer No. : 21901  
For : Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

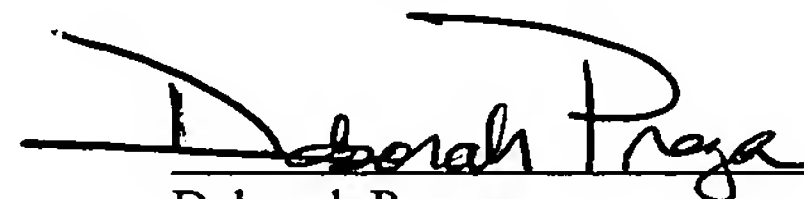
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 7, 2004.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

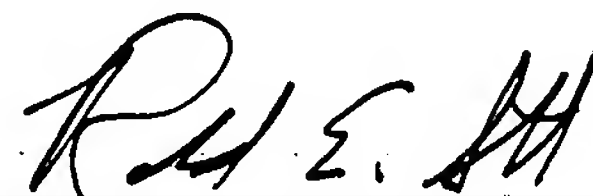
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$150 =	\$0
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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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